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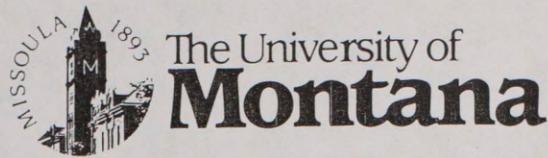
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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **STUDY ABROAD IN CHILE OVER WINTER BREAK**

#### **MISSOULA—**

The University of Montana is offering a course in global ecology to be held in Chile during Wintersession, Jan. 2-17.

The course – “Chile, Montana & Global Ecology Policy and Legal Development: Comparative and Historical Perspectives” – is open to UM law students and graduate students in all disciplines.

UM course instructors are David Aronofsky, legal counsel and adjunct law school faculty member, and history Professor Harry Fritz. They will be joined by Chilean experts as co-instructors.

Aronofsky has worked academically and professionally in Chile since 1976.

Fritz is an expert on Montana’s environmental history and mineral and natural resources exploitation. He will focus on how the state history applies to Chile.

Chile has both aggressive free market economic policies and detailed environmental protection laws with a still-emerging enforcement record. Chilean experts will give insight into course topics and help identify issues to be studied.

The UM course begins in Santiago, Chile’s capital, and travels throughout the country.

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Students will visit one of South America's largest copper mines, the heart of Chile's wine and food export economy and the center of its salmon industry, as well as Temuco, where Chile's largest indigenous population resides, and Valdivia, where a major environmental disaster occurred a few years ago.

Other planned stops during the course include Chiloe, among the world's most ecologically spectacular locations, and Coyhaique, the principal city in Chile's northern Patagonia region, where controversial, large-scale energy and industrial development proposals test the limits of the country's environmental laws and policies.

A course fee of \$2,395 covers lodging, some meals, insurance and in-country travel. Students are responsible for tuition, personal expenses and round-trip airfare.

Information about course requirements and registration is available by calling Peggy Nesbitt, UM Wintersession program manager, at 406-243-6014.

Course information also is online at <http://www.umt.edu/ce/deo/winter/Chile.htm>.

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